

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 5-14, 17-22, 24-28, 30-36, 41-70, 73, 74, and 76-79 are currently pending. Claims 5-14, 17-22, 24-28, 30-36, 41-49, 52-57, 59-63, and 65-70 have been amended; and Claims 37-40 have been cancelled without prejudice by the present amendment. No new matter has been added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 5-14, 17-22, 24-28, 30-35, 73, 74, and 76-79 were indicated as allowable; and Claim 36 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Islam (U.S. Patent 6,052,393).

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants have amended Claim 36 to recite allowable features of Claim 5. Therefore, the rejection of Claim 36 is moot. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claim 36 be withdrawn.

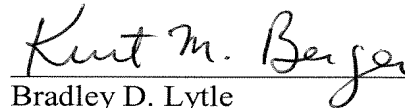
Because Claims 37-40 have been canceled, Claims 41 and 46 have been amended to depend from Claim 36. Additionally, Claims 5-14, 17-22, 24-28, and 30-36 have been amended to address cosmetic matters of form. Furthermore, Claims 36, 41-49, 52-57, 59-63, and 65-70 have also been amended. Support for these amendments can be found at least in the specification at page 6, lines 21-24. No new matter has been added.

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Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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